





# TRIP TO MISTAWISSI MISSION.

We were so late in starting on our trip to Snake Plain last week that reaching our intended camping ground for the night we had to make several extra little trips of exploration. Finally, however, by the kindness of Mr. Bruce we got on the trail leading through Lily Plain to the crossing of the Saskatchewan where the sight of Mr. Sanderson's bright fire soon made us forget our tedious wanderings. After partaking of refreshments, to which keen appetites gave a peculiar zest, we lay down for a few hours rest, after which the expedition would waken us in good time for an early start. After passing through five miles of barren pine hills and muskeg we came to a splendid district which kept improving all the way to Mistawissi Reserve, which we reached early in the afternoon. Great was the surprise of those of us who had never been there before, at the appearance of this progressive Indian settlement. The farm houses, stacks, mission house, church and school house all bore strong testimony to the success of the joint efforts of church and state in civilizing the native population. Of course the work is far from complete but it is encouraging. The church is a log building 24 x 30 feet, is well built and well maintained. Its pews, which were yet to be put in. In the neatly fenced yard and well kept grave yard, in front of the church, had just been laid the remains of one of the earliest pioneers of this North West, Mr. McKay the father of our missionary, whose dead lies side by side with that of the Indian dead belonging to the Mission.

At half-past seven in the evening of the 7th, the principal event of our journey came off, when the bridegroom Mr. Elian Goodfellow and Miss Jessie McKay were sustained through their trying ordeal by Mr. Geo. McLeath and Miss McKay. The Rev. Mr. McKay gave away the bride, and the knot was tied, in the presence of a few friends, by the Rev. Mr. Campbell. It is unnecessary to add that the bride, who was attired in white, looked charming.

A bounteous repast was afterwards served, of which all the guests partook heartily. On Friday morning at 8 o'clock we started on our return trip, reaching Prince Albert at 9 in the evening without any other mishap than a few scratches occasioned by the overhanging branches of the trees on our route.

# HOW BEACH WON.

Details of the Great Hanlan-Beach Boat Race.

The following account of the Hanlan-Beach race in Sydney, N. S. W., Saturday reached London this morning. The weather was rather boisterous, but not sufficient to cause postponement. From early morning crowds journeyed to the scene of action, and by three o'clock an immense gathering had congregated. The race was set to start between that hour and 4. It was nearing the latter when the men got off to the stake boats. Five to four were bet on Beach before the start, both men stripping in magnificent condition. Without wasting time they were soon ready, and commenced the race very evenly. For the first 100 yards they kept even, going at a tremendous pace. Beach then gradually worked his boat in front, but the advantage was stoutly disputed by Hanlan, and a fierce struggle between them was witnessed for half a mile. Both men were tiring magnificently and the excitement was intense. Beach strained every nerve and inch by inch increased the distance between them, Hanlan pulling his boat in to keep on even terms. It was of no avail, however, as the champion would not be downed, and at the end of a mile he was almost clear. The Canadian fought several times, but Beach answered each, still keeping up a fast pace, and increased his lead by half a length at two miles. From thence to the finish Hanlan pressed the leader, but Beach was able to hold his own and eventually passed him, just after a show race, won by two lengths in 20 minutes 45 seconds. The audience enthusiasm was at its height, and the sailors were surrounded by a great multitude in the evening at Sydney.

# GENERAL NEWS.

TORONTO, Dec. 3.—Advice from Melbourne, Australia, says that Beach, the oarsman, has resigned the world's championship and retired from aquatic, and that Hanlan has challenged Kemp.

N. F. Davis, M. P., interviewed the Minister of Inland Revenue about the closing of hop breweries in the North-west. Mr. Davis presented to the minister that due permission had been given for the establishment of breweries, and that the suspension of them would result in a loss to investors. He claims to have obtained from the Government a part promise that the order would be rescinded. Hon. Mr. Costigan has the matter under consideration.

Returns presented to the executive committee of the City Council shows a remarkable increase of crime in Toronto. During the past three years, the number of cases have been 7,366, 7,854 and 8,577 and for the month this year 12,960. The number of licences have been reduced from 224 to 150.

"Doc" Davis, the abortionist, who killed poor Jennie Gilmore here fifteen years ago and was sent to Kingston for life, will be released next January for having acted as a "stool pigeon" or spy on the other convicts.

A young lawyer was appointed to defend a negro who was too poor to hire counsel of his own. After the jury were in the box, the young lawyer challenged several jurymen whom his client said had a prejudice against him. "Are there any more jurymen who have a prejudice against you?" whispered the young lawyer. "No, no, do jury all right; but now I want you to challenge de judge. I have been convicted under him several times already, an' may be he is beginnin' to hab prejudice agin me."

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## MASS MEETING.

A meeting of the residents of Prince Albert was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening of last week, for the purpose of considering a change in the law regarding spirituous liquors in the territories, and also to consider the powers conferred upon the N. W. M. Police.

This was one of the largest public meetings ever held in Prince Albert.

Mayor MacArthur took the chair at 8 p.m., and after a few preliminary remarks, called upon Mr. Chas. Mair, who spoke at some length. He said grave and serious charges have been brought against this community by a man in high authority. He said the charges have been made in the Blue Book and reflects against the community. He then explained the circumstances which brought these charges about, and said they stigmatized, not the worst of the people here but the best of them, as rogues and swindlers. He briefly referred to the good feeling existing between the N. W. M. Police and the civilians and to the dissatisfaction in the present liquor law. He then moved the following resolution:

**Whereas:** One A. Bowen Perry, a superintendent in the N. W. M. Police, in his report dated 30th November, 1886 to the Commissioner of the N. W. M. P. and embodied in the Commissioner's report to the Department, and published under the authority of the same, makes certain statements foreign to fact.

**Resolved:** That the inhabitants of Prince Albert view with much concern and with just indignation the statements and aspersions which have been publicly levelled against their credit as a community, by said Perry in his said report, more particularly in regard to certain trials, with reference to which he says: "It is my painful duty to report that a very wide spread feeling, excited for the persons accused, whether they were guilty or not. People of high standing showed strong sympathy. Evidence was produced for the defence which could well be doubted. Not only has this case produced this sympathy for crime, but in other cases it has been plainly manifested." The speaker said that it is his disheartening task in attempting to secure criminal convictions.

**Resolved:** That this meeting by this resolution desires to record its sense of the falsehood of the foregoing statements in every particular. The cases referred to by said Perry, it is well known, were mixed matters incidental to the late rebellion, evidence with regard to which was carefully sought after by said Perry. At the investigation before a Justice of the Peace, the accused were committed, but the subsequent trial held by His Honor Judge McLeod found the evidence to be insufficient and he summarily dismissed the case, refusing in one instance to hear any defence.

There was no attempt made by "people of high standing" to shield the accused, nor does this meeting believe that Judge McLeod, a gentleman of known property and honor, would allow himself to be swayed by anybody in the performance of his public duty.

As regards the morality of this community, it stands as high as any other, and this place is relatively perhaps free from crime, either against property or person, than any other part of the Dominion.

**Resolved:** That said Perry's report, as it stands, is a slander and gratuitous insult to the people of Prince Albert and His Honor Judge McLeod, and

**Resolved:** Furthermore: that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Sir John A. Macdonald, the Minister of the Interior, the Controller of the Mounted Police and D. H. Macdonald and that the Government be requested to remove to some other sphere of duty, an officer who has forfeited the respect of this community and whose presence in its midst is regretted.

Mr. John Stewart seconded the resolution. He read from the Blue Book the part of Supt. Perry's report complained of, and although his remarks were brief they were to the point.

The resolution was supported by Messrs. McNabb, T. O. Davis and MacLure. Mr. McNabb moved and Mr. T. O. Davis seconded that the name of D. H. Macdonald be added to the resolution. The resolution was then put and carried.

Mr. W. R. Gunn next addressed the meeting and made an excellent address. He referred at length to Supt. Perry's report and his duties, and to the present permit system, and then moved the following resolution:

**Whereas:** The 13th Section of the Act

respecting the N. W. M. Police force, Chap. 49 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, 1886, in subsection (d), clothes with extraordinary powers a constable in the force; powers which should only be given where they are sure to be exercised with great discretion. But it is the common practice of the constables under Supt. Perry's command without any grounds of suspicion, to go about private and public houses at night looking through windows, listening at doors, wandering through stable yards and wandering watches in haylofts and (2) to stop vehicles in the dark of night, without regard to the respectability or non-respectability of the occupants, and with threats of using weapons, roughly searching the persons driving and their goods. Now, large as are the powers conferred upon that sub-section, the acts hereby referred to are plainly not intended by the words "enter and search," and those secondly referred to are an abuse of the powers conferred.

**Whereas:** Section 99 of the North West Act allows a conviction for contravention of the law as to intoxicants upon the evidence of one credible witness, the evidence of the informant alone, who will receive half the fine insufficient to secure such conviction.

**Resolved:** That the above opens the door to perjury and the law is too favorable to convicts and should be changed.

**Resolved:** That the entries, recently made, of private dwellings without sworn information, made in the discretion of a constable of the Mounted Police with evident intent to annoy, does not commend itself to the good sense of this community. Doucillitary visits and a system of espionage, conducted at all hours of the day and night, and without regard to ordinary good feeling and courtesy are arousing deep feelings of resentment amongst people of all classes. No man feels safe from insults and conspiracy and there is a growing belief amongst recent emigrants here, that the detailing of constables as spies in order to mulct citizens in fines, the profits of which they share, is a direct invitation to them to involve, by their own acts, innocent citizens.

**Resolved:** That as the force is intimately connected with the administration of justice in the territories, both as prosecutors and jurors, so either is the force should be possessed of judicial powers over the acts of private citizens.

**Resolved:** That the law should be changed in such a manner that no search should be made, except upon sworn information and upon the written order of a Justice of the Peace.

**And Whereas:** The best of good feeling has always existed between the people of Prince Albert and the Mounted Police Force and, as this has been shown by their co-operation in the past.

**It is resolved:** That the course pursued by Supt. Perry has a tendency to divorce public sentiment from the administration of justice and to lead the people of Prince Albert to become hostile to those who have been and should be their best friends.

Mr. MacLure on seconding the resolution, reviewed the matter in a careful and thorough manner. He said some of the best houses in town were watched, and spied upon during the last month by the Police. He also said the houses were spied and searched upon orders, which were not orders, but he did not explain this.

Messrs. Newlands and James McKay were called upon and expressed their disapproval of the resolution, as the matter referred to was at present before the Court.

The Rev. Mr. Howard being loudly called for came forward, but did not get a fair hearing on account of being continually interrupted by a few parties. The resolution was then put and carried.

The next resolution was moved by Mr. McNabb and seconded by Mr. T. Davis.

**Resolved:** That a petition be circulated for signatures throughout the district addressed to the Dominion Legislature, and praying that at an early date the question of legislating the sale of spirituous liquors be determined by a manhood vote of the people of the N. W. Territories.

Mr. McNabb then moved and Mr. MacLure seconded the following:

That Messrs. Mair, Davis, MacLure, John Stewart and McNabb be a committee to draft petition, in accordance with the resolutions passed by this meeting, to the legislature regarding a vote on the liquor question.

After the usual votes of thanks were passed the meeting was closed.

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